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IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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This paper is in response to the Final Office Action of February 12, 2007.

The presently pending claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.